Limited. Since the Revival Plan has not been firmed up, it will be too early to elaborate on the detailed components of the Revival Plan.

Indian trained crew on foreign ships

2528. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state

(a) whether Government encourage Indian trained crew to find employment in foreign ships and other vessels,

(b) whether it is a fact that thousands of Indians are thus employed under different foreign flags all over the world;

(c) whether Government are taking steps to put hurdles in their way and bring them back;

(d) if so, whether Government would provide alternate employment to such trained Indian personnel, and

(e) the details of steps proposed by Government to review such policies which would create employment crisis in our country?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI T R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise

Developing of minor ports

2529. SHRI C. PERUMAL:
SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are 185 minor and intermediate ports in the country;

(b) whether any scheme is on the anvil to develop minor ports by allocating liberal assistance to State Governments for the purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?